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Resolution on Pope Francis I and "Reinventing the Global Educational Alliance"

In a message delivered by Pope Francis I, on September 12, 2019, published on the official Vatican website, he announced an international event, to be held at the Vatican on May 14, 2020. It will be called "Reinventing the Global Educational Alliance." According to the Pontiff, it is to include: "the most significant personalities of the political, cultural and religious world." The event is being organized by the Vatican Congregation for Catholic Education.

The Pope called the world to come together to "create a new humanism." He reiterates this theme in the conclusion of his message: "I invite everyone to work for this alliance and to be committed, individually and within our communities, to nurturing the dream of a humanism rooted in solidarity and responsive both to humanity's aspirations and to God's plan."

The very first thing Pope Francis said is necessary "to reach these global objectives" is for people to "have the courage to place the human person at the centre." He continued: "... we need to find other ways, based on a sound anthropology, of envisioning economics, politics, growth and progress."

In cautioning against some of the dangers of the high-speed technology and computerization, he quoted from his May 24, 2015, Encyclical *Laudato Sí*. He states: "... our psychological structure dissolves in the face of constant change that 'contrasts with the naturally slow pace of biological evolution.'"

The Pope did not call for sound Christian education of our young people. Rather, he stated that what is needed is a worldwide "educational village" — "it takes a whole village to educate a child" — of all of humanity.

Further distancing himself from the exclusive claims of the Holy Scriptures, he called for "dialogue between religions," and mentioned the document he signed with the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar in Abu Dhabi on February 4, 2019.

To aid this new "global compact on education," the Pope Francis urged the enlistment of "authoritative public figures in our world" to come to the aid of this agenda.

The International Council of Christian Churches, meeting in its 20th World Congress, January 22-29, 2020, in Puerto Montt, Chile, declares its opposition to any such one-world educational initiative.

1. Proverbs 22:6 says: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." The "way" a child "should go" is in the precepts of God's Word. The Bible teaches against allowing a "global village," comprised of those who hate the Lord, to teach our children.

2. The education of children is the God-given responsibility of parents. It is not the domain of “authoritative public figures in our world” to dictate what our children should be taught.
3. The Word of God declares “Thus saith the Lord.” It does not condone “dialogue between religions.” A true education pleasing to God can never teach “acceptance” of false religions. Rather it teaches that which is truth and that which is error.
4. It is clear that seeking to bring those of all faiths, or no faith, together to educate our young people has little to do with “God’s Plan.” Rather, “a humanism responsive ... to human aspirations,” is the godless result that will inevitably be achieved. To invoke God’s name, while standing against the clear teaching of the Bible, is not to be condoned.
5. God must be at the center of any “sound anthropology,” not the sinful human being. Placing man at the center will guarantee a tragic and dangerous outcome for this initiative. Proverbs 14:12 tells us: “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”
6. The Pope’s embrace of atheistic evolution, places the foundation of any educational proposals he may have on the sinking ground of unbelief. Genesis 1:27 states: “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.” An education based on the foundation that we are created in God’s image, and our chief end is “to glorify God,” produces radically different results than a teaching which can be reduced to presenting man as just another part of the animal kingdom.
7. Any attempts to universalize education is a dangerous precursor to a one world government and a one world religion.
8. An education pleasing to God teaches the great principles of liberty found in the Word of God. It is the Spirit of God, not the power of the sword, which brings a man to turn from “the error of his way.” God’s people must clearly understand that standing against evil and promoting liberty are in no way mutually exclusive, and must be embraced.

